

Kentucky Consolidated Monitoring FAQ

Q: What is the purpose of consolidated monitoring?

A: The consolidated monitoring process was developed in 2011-12 to reduce the number of visits and interruptions in the school districts served by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Instead of receiving eight individual visits from the eight participating programs at different intervals throughout the school year, school districts now receive one visit with all programs present.

Q: How long does a KDE consolidated monitoring trip last?

A: It is generally three full days (7.5 hours a day). For larger districts the visit has taken five full days and for small districts the visit has taken one or two days. The average district should plan on KDE being there for three days.

Q: What programs participate in consolidated monitoring?

A: All of the title programs (Title I, II, III), IDEA, Career & Technical Education, Gifted and Talented, Preschool services, and Alternative Education Programs.

Q: How does KDE determine what school districts are monitored?

A: KDE randomly draws districts it will monitor. After a district's name has been drawn they are processed through this [flowchart](#) to determine if they will take part in the current year's monitoring. This process is repeated until all spots are filled.

Q: How many districts does KDE select?

A: In typical years the number is around 14. We have conducted as few as 7 visits. Most years KDE will select 10 to 14 school districts to monitor.

Q: When are districts selected?

A: Districts are usually selected after the release of school report cards (end of October, beginning of November).

Q: When will districts know they have been selected?

A: Letters to the district Superintendent generally go out the second week of November which gives every district at least two months to prepare for the monitoring visit. Extenuating circumstances could force an earlier or later release date for these letters. These letters come from the Commissioner and only he/she may release selection notification to the districts.

Q: Do you only monitor school districts through consolidated monitoring?

A: No. Eight programs make up the consolidated effort. A consolidated monitoring visit (all eight programs) is only conducted from roughly January 10th to May 1st and includes only the districts pulled. The Commissioner also could call for one. However, all eight programs that participate in consolidated monitoring may monitor any school district at any time if they feel it is warranted.

Q: How does the public know how any particular monitoring visit went?

A: KDE publishes a final report that is sent to the school district and posted to the KDE website. You can find these reports at the links below:

[2016-17](#)

[2015-16](#)

[2014-15](#)

[2013-14](#)

[2012-13](#)

[2011-12](#)